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CHARACTERISTIC SWITCHING  
METHOD OF SENSOR DEVICE

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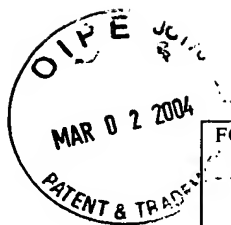
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The Examiner is requested to initial the attached PTO Form-1449 and to return a copy of same to the undersigned attorney as proof that the listed reference(s) has/have been considered and made of record.

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## REFERENCE DESIGNATION

## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS
		S/N 10/602,816	June 25, 2003	Makino et al.		

## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

## TRANSLATION

		DOCUMENT NUMBER	DATE	COUNTRY	NAME	CLASS	SUB CLASS	YES	NO
		JP-A-H06-229862	8/19/94	JAPAN				X (Partial Translation)	
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## OTHER REFERENCES (including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.)

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